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This Amendment is prepared in response to the Office action mailed on 6 August 2007 (Paper No. 20070726).

Claims 23 and 24 have been rejected under 35 USC 101 is being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

By this Amendment, claims 1-25 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their subject matter and new claims 26-48 substituted therefor. New claims 26-48 respectively correspond to canceled claims 1-22 and 25 after having been revised as to form.

Claims 1-11 and 25 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as obvious over Morales in view of Larson. It is submitted that claims 26-37 and 48, which respectively correspond to claims 1-11 and 25, are patentable over the proposed combination of references for the following reasons:

In responding to the arguments presented in the previous Amendment, the Examiner, on page 5 of the Office Action has indicated that if Applicants want to claim the narrative language, Applicants should claim the narrative language as apparatus.

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By this Amendment, new claims 26-37 and 48 were substituted for canceled claims 1-11 and 25. The new claims specifically recite the features of the present invention in a functional format acceptable to the US Patent and Trademark Office as indicated in Section 2173.05(g) of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure.

Examiner's previous rejection of the claims are based on the prior art disclosing the previously recited structural limitations of the rejected claims and therefore inherently teaching the present invention.

On the other hand, new claims 26-37 and 48 recite features of the present invention in functional form, these features being neither taught nor suggested nor inherent in the cited combination of references.

Accordingly, it is submitted that claims 26-37 and 48 are patentable over the prior art.

Applicants are please note that the Examiner has indicated that claims 12-22 are allowed.

Since the substitute claims are of the same scope as the original claims, it is therefore submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are patentable

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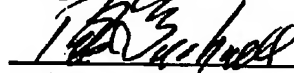
over the cited art and should therefore now be in a condition suitable for allowance.

Additional references were cited by the Examiner but not utilized in the rejection of the claims, no further comment on these references is necessary.

No other issues remaining, reconsideration and favorable action upon all of the claims now present in the application is respectfully requested. Should any questions remain unresolved, the Examiner is requested to telephone Applicant's undersigned attorney.

No fee is incurred by this Amendment.

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